



# Range Review

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### THANK YOU

to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

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**Special Note:** Beginning with January 2011, State level livestock prices will be discontinued. Livestock prices for the United States will be published based on data provided by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

### OTHER HAY PRICES ABOVE LAST YEAR

**WYOMING:** February alfalfa hay prices held steady compared to last month but fell slightly behind last year. Other hay prices were above both last month and last February. **Alfalfa hay**, unchanged from last month but down \$1.00 from last year, came in at \$90.00 per ton. **Other hay**, at \$90.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from last month and up \$10.00 from last year.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (24 percent) from February 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 163, increased 5 points (3.2 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (22 percent) from February 2010.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS - WY AND U.S.: FEBRUARY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS								
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY								
COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES 3/			
		FEB 2010	JAN 2011	FEB 15 2011	FEB 2010	JAN 2011	FEB 15 2011	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
<b>LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS</b>								
Cows	100#	51.60	1/	1/	51.70	65.00	71.20	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	102.00	1/	1/	90.50	110.00	109.00	—
Calves	100#	125.00	1/	1/	113.00	136.00	136.00	37
Sheep	100#	53.60	1/	1/	54.80	81.90	1/	—
Lambs	100#	103.00	1/	1/	106.00	149.00	1/	—
<b>CROPS</b>								
Corn	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	3.55	4.94	5.66	56
Oats	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	2.30	3.11	3.38	52
Feed Barley	Bu.	2/	2/	2/	3.11	3.43	4.17	—
Winter Wheat	Bu.	2/	2/	1/	4.53	6.37	8.13	—
Dry Beans	100#	2/	2/	1/	30.40	25.70	28.20	37
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	91.00	90.00	90.00	110.00	121.00	127.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	80.00	85.00	90.00	93.00	95.30	93.90	—

### PRICES RECEIVED INDEXES - UNITED STATES: FEBRUARY 2011 WITH COMPARISONS

1990-92 = 100 BASIS	UNITED STATES		
	FEB 2010	JAN 2011	FEB 15 2011
All Commodities	135	164	168
All Crops	148	186	198
All Livestock and Products	123	137	141

1/ Price discontinued.

2/ Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

3/ Price data source for livestock is USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

## U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 5 PERCENT

**Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on March 1, 2011. The inventory was 5 percent above March 1, 2010.

**Placements** in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 1 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 400,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 410,000.

**Marketings** of fed cattle during February totaled 1.79 million, 4 percent above 2010.

**Other disappearance** totaled 60,000 during February, 12 percent below 2010.

### CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, MAR 1, 2010-2011 1/

State	On Feed Feb 1, 2011	Place- ments Feb 2011	Market- ings Feb 2011	Other Disapp. Feb 2011	On Feed Mar 1, 2011	On Feed Mar 1, 2010
Thousand Head						
CO	1,070	215	210	5	1,070	940
KS	2,270	365	405	10	2,220	2,220
NE	2,460	350	365	15	2,430	2,350
TX	2,880	380	405	15	2,840	2,650
Oth Sts.	2,903	354	408	15	2,834	2,689
U.S.	11,583	1,664	1,793	60	11,394	10,849

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## WYOMING COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION REMAINS STEADY

**Commercial red meat production** in Wyoming during January 2011 totaled 600,000 pounds. This was unchanged from January 2010 and unchanged compared to last month's production. Commercial red meat production includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton but excludes animals slaughtered on farm.

Eight hundred **cattle** were slaughtered in Wyoming during January, unchanged compared to the number slaughtered a year ago and unchanged from December. Total live weight was 883,000 pounds, down slightly from the previous January. Average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,111 pounds, down 54 pounds from last month.

A total of 200 **commercial hogs** were processed, unchanged from both last January and last month. Total live weight, at 60,000 pounds, was down 5 percent from January 2010. Average live weight of hogs slaughtered was 242 pounds, down 51 pounds from the previous month.

One hundred **sheep and lambs** were processed in January, unchanged from the same time last year and unchanged from last month. Total live weight, at 8,000 pounds, was down 27

percent from January 2010. Average live weight of sheep slaughtered was 125 pounds, down 26 pounds from the previous month.

**UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production** totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010.

**Beef production**, at 2.12 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.90 billion pounds, 5 percent above the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 11.2 million pounds, was 13 percent below January 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER JANUARY 2010 AND 2011, WYOMING AND U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Live Weight			Number of Head		Total Live Weight		
	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	2011/2010	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	Jan 2010	Jan 2011	2011/2010
			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>Cattle</b>	800	800	886	883	99.7	2,707,200	2,735,200	3,480,603	3,544,876	101.8
<b>Hogs</b>	200	200	63	60	95.2	8,909,700	9,103,700	2,417,827	2,529,725	104.6
<b>Sheep &amp; Lambs</b>	100	100	11	8	72.7	186,600	161,100	25,705	22,301	86.8

## WYOMING HONEY PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO DECLINE

Honey production during 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 1.22 million pounds, down 31 percent from production in 2009. There were 34,000 bee colonies producing honey in Wyoming during 2010 with an average production of 36 pounds per colony. In 2009, there were 37,000 colonies producing honey, averaging 48 pounds per colony.

Honey stocks in Wyoming on December 15, 2010 totaled 282,000 pounds, down 28 percent from December 15, 2009. The average price received by producers for honey sold in 2010 was 160 cents per pound, up from 143 cents in 2009. The total value of production was \$1.96 million, down 23 percent from 2009.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up 7 percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6

pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yield per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested.

Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up 9 percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through cooperatives, private channels, and retail. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.



**HONEY PRODUCTION AND VALUE, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., 2009-2010**

State	Number of Colonies		Yield Per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec. 15 1/		Average Price Per Pound		Value of Production	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>1,000</i>		<i>Lbs</i>		<i>1,000 Lbs</i>				<i>Cents</i>		<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
CO	28	34	53	56	1,484	1,904	326	533	143	150	2,122	2,856
ID	103	98	46	27	4,738	2,646	1,706	1,191	152	150	7,202	3,969
MT	146	157	70	74	10,220	11,618	3,577	2,905	146	155	14,921	18,008
NE	48	44	56	55	2,688	2,420	1,102	1,041	146	149	3,924	3,606
SD	270	265	66	59	17,820	15,635	6,237	4,847	142	154	25,304	24,078
UT	26	26	38	30	988	780	198	195	146	152	1,442	1,186
<b>WY</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>1,958</b>
U.S.	2,498	2,684	58.6	65.5	146,416	175,904	37,516	45,307	147.3	160.3	215,671	281,974

1/ Stocks held by producers, does not include stocks under loan.

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### NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION ALL HIRED AG WORKER'S WAGE RATE UP

The number of hired farm and ranch workers in the tri-state region during the week January 9-15, 2011 was up 4,000 (25 percent) from a year ago. During this period, 20,000 hired workers were working on farms and ranches in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region which includes **Wyoming**, Montana, and Idaho. The total excludes agricultural service workers. Of the 20,000 hired workers, 17,000 were expected to work for 150 days or more and 3,000 were expected to work 149 days or less, compared with 14,000 and 2,000 last year. The number of hired workers during the previous survey week October 10-16, 2010 was 22,000.

The average wage rate for all hired workers in the tri-state labor force during the survey week was \$11.45 per hour, up \$0.85 from October and up \$0.21 from January 2010. Hired field workers were paid an average wage of \$10.79 per hour compared with \$11.53 last year. Hired livestock workers averaged \$10.81 per hour compared with \$10.55 last year.

The average number of hours worked during the survey week was 41.0 up 1.0 hour from last January.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 807,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 9-15, 2011, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 602,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 205,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.29 per hour during the January 2011 reference week, up 21 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.23 per hour, up 13 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.52 per hour compared with \$10.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.35 per hour, was up 17 cents from last year.

The number of hours worked averaged 38.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 5 percent from a year ago.

#### Farm Wage Rates by Type of Worker, Regions and U.S., January 9-15, 2011 1/

Region	Hired Workers			
	Type of Worker			
	Field	Lvstk	Fld & Lvstk Combined	All Hired Workers
	Dollars per hour			
Mntn I 2/	10.79	10.81	10.80	11.45
Mntn II 3/	10.89	10.56	10.70	12.00
No Plns 4/	12.42	11.69	12.00	12.60
U.S. 5/	10.23	10.52	10.35	11.29

1/ Excludes Ag Service Workers  
2/ Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming  
3/ Colorado, Nevada and Utah  
4/ Kansas, Nebraska, North & South Dakota  
5/ Excludes Alaska